



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Jackson Demonstration State Forest Campground Maintenance and Improvements		
PROJECT LOCATION	Jackson Demonstration State Forest, Fort Bragg, CA	COUNTY	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves annual routine maintenance and improvements within existing campgrounds and day use areas on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Maintenance activities include: road improvement; minor changes to campsite layout; installation of kiosks, displays, and information stations; repair, replacement, and installation of tables, fire pits, barbecues, vault toilets; installation of signs and markers; installation of fences, corrals, and barriers to define use areas. These activities will increase environmental protection by providing sanitary facilities, encouraging responsible use, and preventing and reducing environmental impacts such as soil erosion and surface instability. Maintenance activities will be conducted so as to avoid significant adverse impacts to cultural, biological, recreational and aquatic resources. This exemption will be reevaluated every five years.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** Type/Section:
Class 1 Existing Facilities §15301 §15302
Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land §15304
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption (state code section):**
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 Categorical Exemptions described in state law (14 CCR Section 15301, 15302, 15303, & 15304) pertaining to existing facilities, replacement or reconstruction, new construction of small structures, and minor alterations to land, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The project involves the operation and maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use and minor alterations to the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation not involving removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff shall confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the address noted above.

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